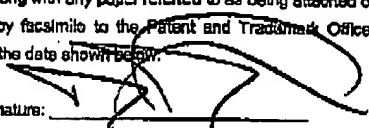


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In response to an Official Action dated December 19, 2005, kindly amend the application as follows.

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